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BaldaMikron joint venture

Mikron to sell its 50% stake in the BaldaMikron joint venture to Germany's Balda Group

On April 1, 2004, the Mikron Technology Group, a global player in the production equipment and components markets, will sell its 50% stake in the BaldaMikron joint venture to Germany's Balda Group, which also owns a 50% interest in BaldaMikron. The selling price is EUR 20 mn.

The Infocom technology joint venture was set up by Mikron and Balda in 2001. With production facilities in China and Malaysia, it focuses on developing and manufacturing components and assemblies for the Infocom market. In 2003, it accounted for around 10% of the Mikron Group's sales.

Thanks to the efforts of the two partners, the joint venture has performed well. However, different ideas about the company's future strategic focus have resulted in the need to change the ownership structure. BaldaMikron's activities are very closely interlinked with the core business of the Balda Group, but not with that of Mikron. The logical conclusion, therefore, is for Mikron to sell its stake to its partner in the joint venture.

The proceeds from the sale of its holding will allow the Mikron Group to continue strengthening its core business. Despite its exit from the joint venture, Asia remains an attractive market for the Group. Mikron has long-standing business relationships in Asia and

since 2003 has been represented in China, where its Plastics Technology division operates its own production plant.

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The Mikron Technology Group's investor relations calendar for 2004

April 22, 2004:	1Q04 and Annual General Meeting
August 24, 2004:	1H04
October 29, 2004:	3Q04

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